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PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether consumption of rice in the country is going up every year whereas the production has declined disturbingly;

(b) if so, the production and the procurement of rice by the Government during the last three years, year-wise vis-Ã -vis its domestic consumption; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the production of rice?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Table below gives the consumption, production and procurement of rice in the country during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07:

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Consumption$	Production	Procurement
2004-05	85.77	83.13	24.69
2005-06	87.01	91.79	27.66
2006-07	88.25	92.76#	25.08

$ Estimated on the basis of the monthly per capita quantities of consumption reported in the National Sample Survey 61st Round Report on `Household Consumption of Various Goods and Services in India, 2004-05` and the population projections given by the office of the Registrar General of India.
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While the consumption of rice has continuously gone up in the country, production also shows continuous increase during 2004-05 to 2006-07. Production has been more than the consumption during 2005-06 and 2006-07.

(c): In order to increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses, recently a National Food Security Mission (NFSM) has been launched, inter alia, in the country. Under the Rice component of NFSM, it is envisaged to increase its production by 10 million tonnes by the end of the Eleventh Plan i.e., by 2011-12 through area expansion and productivity enhancement.